

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-17 and 20 are presently pending in the application. Claims 13, 15-17 and 20 are allowed. Claims 1, 10-12 and 21-28 are rejected. Claims 2-9 are objected to. Claims 2, 14, 18-19, and 21-27 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended.

Reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the aforementioned Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. The basis for the amendments can be found throughout the Specification, Claims and Drawings as originally filed.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative, Donald G. Walker, during a telephonic interview conducted on October 4, 2007. During the interview, the office action summary sheet was discussed in view of the body of the Action. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-9 were objected to as being dependent from rejected claim 1 but noted as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Furthermore, the Examiner confirmed that claims 13, 15-17 and 20 are allowable as they stand.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura et al. (US 4,821,753).

The Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 2. As such, claim 1 calls for an industrial parts washer including a frame

coupled to the stand where the frame includes a pair of inwardly extending portions adapted to support the part. The Applicants respectfully submit that Nakamura et al. does not disclose an industrial parts washer as defined by amended claim 1. As such, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102 rejection to claim 1.

Regarding claims 21 and 24, the Applicants have cancelled these claims. Accordingly, the § 102(b) rejections are now moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of Marshall (US 2,681,069). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of EPO 0 022 307. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of EPO 0 110 525.

The Applicants respectfully rely on the amendment and arguments previously set forth regarding claim 1. Because claims 10-12 depend from amended claim 1, the Applicants respectfully submit that none of claims 10-12 are obvious in view of any of the references cited by the Examiner, either solely or in combination with one another. As such, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 103 rejections to claims 10-12.

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of EPO 0 110 525. Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of Russia 2 018 384. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applied prior art as applied to claim 26 above, and further in view of EPO '525.

The Applicants have cancelled claims 21-27. As such, the rejections to these claims are now moot. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of each of the § 103 rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 13, 15-17 and 20 are allowable and has objected to claims 2-9 as being allowable but dependent from a rejected claim.

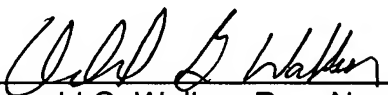
The Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 2. Furthermore, the Applicants have rewritten claim 5 in independent form. As such, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1222.

Respectfully submitted,

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